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SUBJECT:COMMENTS ON LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, READINESS  
TASK FORCE DRAFT REPORT

1. PROVIDED THAT US NATO AND US DELMC HAVE NO OBJECTIONS  
PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS  
TO THE DIRECTOR, READINESS TASK FORCE.

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2. FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE GENERAL IN NATURE:

A. STRONGLY RECOMMEND AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AS PART OF  
THE TASK FORCE REPORT. SUMMARY SHOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT  
NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO PRIORITIZED, COSTED PROPOSALS  
BY NATION AND MAJOR ACTION AREAS.

B. PROGRAMMED AND UNPROGRAMMED COST DATA IS ESSENTIAL THROUGHOUT THE REPORT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT COST DATA IS ONLY APPROXIMATE; THEREFORE, THIS DATA SHOULD BE FOOTNOTED TO INDICATE CONFIDENCE LEVEL, TYPE OF FUNDING (E.G., CONSTANT DOLLARS, LIFE CYCLE), AND SOURCES IF POSSIBLE.

C. WE BELIEVE SOME ANALYTICAL BASIS FOR THE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE REPORT TO LEND IMMEDIATE CREDENCE AND VALIDITY. WE ASSUME THAT DETAILED ANALYTICAL

DATA ARE CONTAINED IN THE ADDENDUMS WHICH WERE NOT PROVIDED FOR REVIEW.

D. PROPOSALS SHOULD INDICATE TO WHAT DEGREE IMPLEMENTATION WILL IMPROVE CAPABILITY, I.E., WHAT PORTION OF THE NEED WILL BE MET.

3. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE SPECIFICALLY KEYED TO ITEMS IN THE DRAFT REPORT:

A. PAGE I-1, PARAGRAPH 5. QUOTE THE THREAT WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED . . . UNQUOTE. THIS STATEMENT CONFLICTS WITH PAGE II-3, PARAGRAPH 8, WHICH SPEAKS OF QUOTE INCREASING THREAT UNQUOTE; PAGE III-1, PARAGRAPH 4, QUOTE . . . DEVELOPMENT OF NBC CAPABILITY WILL NOT DECREASE . . . UNQUOTE; AND PAGE V-1, PARAGRAPH 6, QUOTE WARSAW PACT  
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FORCES ARE CONTINUALLY EXPANDING . . . UNQUOTE.

B. CHAPTER II. ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM FOR ANTIARMOR EXTENDS THROUGH 1990, THE RECOMMENDED PROCUREMENTS ARE FOR CURRENTLY AVAILABLE WEAPONS. PROVISIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT IN THE LONG TERM OF FUTURE GENERATION SYSTEMS TO REPLACE CURRENT SYSTEMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

C. PAGE II-2, PARAGRAPH 7F. RECOMMEND DELETE AND SUBSTITUTE: MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLES ARMED WITH ATGM'S AND AUTOMATIC CANNON, OR A MIX OF VEHICLES MOUNTING ATGM'S ONLY OR AN AUTOMATIC CANNON ONLY.

D. PAGE II-2, PARAGRAPH 7G. SUGGEST CHANGE TO READ: ARTILLERY AND ROCKET WEAPONS ARMED WITH A MIX OF ANTI-ARMOR MUNITIONS AND A CAPABILITY TO DELIVER MINES.

E. PAGE II-3, PARAGRAPH 7. ADD NEW SUBPARAGRAPH 1 TO READ: A MISSILE SYSTEM WITH A RANGE OF 100-150 KM AND AN ANTI-TANK CAPABILITY FOR THE ATTACK OF 2D ECHELON ARMOR FORMATIONS. THIS MISSILE COULD BE SURFACE OR AIR LAUNCHED.

F. PAGE III-1, PARAGRAPH 2. QUOTE ALL EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT NBC WEAPONS WILL BE USED . . . UNQUOTE IS THERE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT WARSAW PACT INTENTION TO USE OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS? IF NOT, RECOMMEND STATEMENT BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT WARSAW PACT CAPABILITY FOR EXTENSIVE USE.

G. PAGE III-3, PARAGRAPHS 8 AND 10. BOTH PARAGRAPHS ADDRESS QUOTE RETALIATORY CW CAPABILITY. UNQUOTE. WE

BELIEVE THE REDUNDANCY IS UNINTENTIONAL AND PARAGRAPH 10 IS UNNECESSARY.

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H. PAGE III-5, PARAGRAPH 12C. ADD: QUOTE . . . IF APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE ESTIMATE OF CHEMICAL MUNITIONS/ AGENTS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE MOST DEMANDING SCENARIO. UNQUOTE.

I. PAGE III-A-1. QUOTE NAVAL UNQUOTE SHOULD BE ANNOTATED AS APPLICABLE TO NAVAL SHORE FACILITIES IN EUROPE ONLY.

J. PAGE IV-3, PARAGRAPH 12. THIS PARAGRAPH REFERS TO QUOTE DETAILED NATIONAL PROGRAMS UNQUOTE AT ANNEX B WHICH WAS NOT PROVIDED.

K. PAGE V-4, PARAGRAPH 19B. THE MEANING OF QUOTE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY UNQUOTE IS UNCLEAR. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO GIVE SOME SPECIFIC GOALS FOR ACHIEVING DESIRED STOCK LEVELS.

L. PAGE V-A-1. CHART SHOULD INDICATE QUOTE COST IN MILLIONS DOLLARS. UNQUOTE. RECOMMEND YOU RE-CHECK ALL FIGURES, E.G., OPTION 1, BELGIUM, TOTAL MID-TERM COST EQUALS 18.0 VICE 18.1.

M. PAGE V-C-1. DELETE THE PARENTHETICAL REFERENCE TO DOLLARS IN MILLIONS IN CHART HEADING, AS CHART DEALS WITH ITEMS. ALSO THE UNIT COST FOR LGB SHOULD BE 6,000 DOLLARS VICE 1,500 DOLLARS AND 1983 US HOLDINGS FOR LGB ARE 31,900 WHICH LEAVES A DEFICIENCY OF 1763.

N. CHAPTER VI. ALTHOUGH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OPTION 3 MAY BE PROHIBITIVE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THESE COSTS BE PRESENTED SO THAT ALL OPTIONS DISCUSSED CAN BE FULLY REVIEWED. ADDITIONALLY, THE REPEATED REFERENCE TO QUOTE UNITS PER DIVISION UNQUOTE AND QUOTE UNITS PER CORPS

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UNQUOTE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO READ QUOTE BATTALION SIZED  
UNITS UNQUOTE OR QUOTE BRIGADE SIZED UNITS UNQUOTE AS  
APPROPRIATE.

O. CHAPTER VIII. AS PRESENTLY STRUCTURED, MUCH OF THIS  
CHAPTER IS VAGUE AND NONCONCLUSIVE. FOR EXAMPLE ON PAGE  
VIII-5 AND 6, PARAGRAPHS 8 AND 9, WE RECOMMEND THOSE  
MID- AND LONG-TERM ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CORRECT IDENTIFIED  
DEFICIENCIES IN THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM BE MORE SPECIFICALLY  
AND FIRMLY PROGRAMMED FOR CORRECTION.

P. PAGE VIII-3, PARAGRAPH 7D(2). FOR CLARITY INSERT:  
QUOTE OF LAND AND AIR FORCES UNQUOTE BETWEEN QUOTE  
COMMAND UNQUOTE AND QUOTE IS UNQUOTE IN FIRST SENTENCE.  
SIMILAR CLARIFICATION WOULD BE HELPFUL ON: PAGE VIII-6,  
PARAGRAPH 9(C); PAGE VIII-A-1, SERIAL NO. 5, COLUMN C;  
AND PAGE XI-A-17, SERIAL NO. 83.

Q. VIII - 8, PARA 15, FINAL SENTENCE: COMMENT. THIS  
AREA HOLDS THE POTENTIAL FOR THE GREATEST IMPROVEMENT IN  
NATO OPERATIONAL READINESS FOR THE LEAST MONEY. WHILE  
SUCH AN UNDERTAKING ACE-WIDE MAY BE PREMATURE, A COMPRE-  
HENSIVE PLAN INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBILITIES  
AND RAMIFICATIONS SHOULD BE AGGRESSIVELY PURSUED IN THE  
NEAR TERM FOR CENTRAL REGION LAND AND AIR STANDING FORCES.

R. PAGE VIII-A-2, SERIAL NO. 13, COLUMN (C), ACTION.  
CHANGE TO READ "ESTABLISH A GOAL OF 12 HOURS" VICE  
"ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT OF 12 HOURS."

S. PAGE X-5, PARAGRAPH 14A. RECOMMEND THE SPECIFIC  
LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION REQUIRED BY NATIONS BE INDICATED.

T. PAGE X-6, PARAGRAPHS 18 AND 19. RECOMMEND THAT  
SPECIFIC AIR ROUTES/SPACE AND EXERCISE AREAS BE  
IDENTIFIED.

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U. PAGE VIII-8, PARAGRAPH 17. RECOMMEND THAT THE LAST  
SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH BE AMENDED TO READ "...SHOULD  
BE COMPLETE BY 1984." PROPOSED TIMEFRAME OUTLINED IN  
APPENDIX TO ANNEX A SHOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

3. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE.

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